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In re application of:	David A. Hazlebeck, et al.)
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Serial No:	09/982,986) Art Unit
) 1724
Filed:	October 18, 2001)
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For:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SOLIDS TRANSPORT IN HYDROTHERMAL PROCESSES)
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Examiner:	Peter A. Hruskoci)
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Attorney Docket:	11156.78)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003, with a response date of October 8, 2003, be extended for three (3) months until January 8, 2004.

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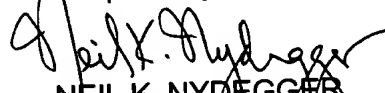
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Check No. 16626 in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 14-1519. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

DATED this 7th day of January, 2004.

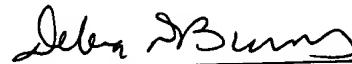
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